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FM AMEMBASSY PARAMARIBO

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1. GIVEN THE (LACK OF) SPEED WITH WHICH THINGS MOVE IN SURINAM, EVEN IF IT WAS DECIDED THAT EMBASSY SHOULD APPROACH GOS AND SOLICIT SPECIFIC REQUEST FOR FY 78 IMET, WE BELIEVE IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE, THAT ANY SUCH REQUEST COULD BE FORMULATED AND PRESENTED BY GOS "IN VERY NEAR FUTURE" FOR CONSIDERATION BY US IN SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER. THIS QUESTION IS THUS MOOT FOR THIS YEAR.

2. IN ANY EVENT, EMBASSY AGREES WITH DEPARTMENT THAT WE SHOULD NOT APPEAR TO SURINAMERS TO BE URGING THEM ON IN AREA OF MILITARY TRAINING. HAVING BROUGHT OFFICERS FROM CINSOUTH TO PARAMARIBO AND EXPLAINED GENERAL QUESTIONS TO SURINAM AUTHORITIES, WE HAVE DONE OUR PART AND THE BALL IS NOW IN THEIR COURT. AT SUCH TIME AS THEY MAY APPROACH US ON
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MATTER OF TRAINING, WE WILL ADVISE THEM TO MAKE REQUEST IN

GREATEST DETAIL POSSIBLE, AND WE BELIEVE THEIR REQUEST
SHOULD THEN BE CONSIDERED ON ITS MERITS. IF THEY NEED IT
IN A HURRY, IT CAN BE FOR CASH AND THEY CAN AFFORD TO PAY
FOR IT; IF THEIR SCHEDULE IS MORE LEISURELY, THEN THERE
SHOULD BE TIME TO CONSIDER IMET GRANT. WE WOULD BE TALKING
ABOUT ONLY RELATIVELY SMALL AMOUNTS OF MONEY, AND WE AGREE
WITH DEPARTMENT THAT OUR INTERESTS WOULD BE BETTER SERVED
BY AWAITING A SURINAMESE INITIATIVE.
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